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# MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS

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## DENBY RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

### MCADOO MENTO DISCUSS CHANCE OF CANDIDATE

Over 300 Gather in Chicago Today for Conference—Cummins Says Absurd to Think Oil Scandal Has Hurt Him

**SAYS G. O. P. TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION**

Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—More than 300 advocates of the candidacy of William McAdoo for democratic presidential nomination gathered here today for a conference which will decide whether the Teapot Dome disclosures have or have not, in the opinion of the conference, hurt the candidacy of McAdoo. A number of women were present and heard Hon. Cummins of Connecticut deliver the keynote speech. Cummins said the conference not only was called to discuss the fate of the individual but to consider a clause of liberalism.

"Those who control the republican party," Cummins said, "in desperate attempt to divert attention from their own deficiencies are striving to implicate McAdoo in the disgraceful disclosures in the Teapot Dome scandal. It is added that the suggestion that there had been any impairment in McAdoo's strength was absurd."

### SAW MILLS SHUTDOWN DELAYS CONSTRUCTION CANAL BRIDGE

Delay in beginning construction of the foot bridge across the canal at Twenty-first street has been caused by the shutting down of saw mills recently which made it impossible to get proper materials quickly. Commissioner C. E. Cooke, who is in charge of the matter states that he has in view now a firm which can supply the timbers and that an order for same will be placed within a few days. The bridge can be built in a few days after the materials are received, it is said.

### 12-YEAR-OLD HARROGATE BOY DIES FROM APPENDICITIS

Grant Mason, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mason of Harrogate, died in the Bronchopneumonia Hospital here Saturday night from appendicitis. An operation Saturday failed to save his life as the appendix was already ruptured.

Funeral services will be held in Harrogate this afternoon with Prof. J. H. Moore officiating, assisted by Chaplain W. I. Moore. The Harrogate Boy Scouts, of which Grant was a member, will have a part in the services. Interment will be in the Harrogate cemetery.

The boy is survived by his mother; by four sisters, Mrs. Exel Rogers of Atlanta, Nannie, Dora and Lillian of Harrogate; and three brothers, Walter of Walsoto, Bradley and Philip of Harrogate.

### H. F. HAMBRIGHT'S FATHER DIES—ALMOST 95 YEARS OLD

H. F. Hambright received news yesterday of the death of his father, A. L. T. Hambright, at his home in Cohutta, Ga., early yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hambright and their two oldest children, Edward Hambright of this city and Mrs. Richard Barry of Harlan, left yesterday for Cohutta to attend the funeral. Mr. Hambright, Sr., died at the age of 94 years, 11 months and 10 days. He had been in failing health for some time. He resided in Middlesboro several years ago and was well known here.

### Agred Women Dies Saturday

Mrs. Sarah A. Surber, age 73, died at her home at Indian Creek, near Lawrenceburg, Saturday afternoon. Interment took place at Green's Chapel, near there, today.

**Louisville Live Stock**  
Associated Press.  
CATTLE, 1100 steady, \$2 to \$2.50; hogs, \$7.00 steady, \$5 to \$7.50; sheep, steady, \$3 to \$5; lambs, \$11.

### PROSECUTOR?



James R. Garfield (above) secretary of commerce under Roosevelt, may be named by President Coolidge as prosecutor in the oil land case, to succeed Silas Strawn, who is expected to be re-elected.

### DEAF AND DUMB MINE WORKER INJURED TODAY BY SLATE FALL

After working in the mines for nine years without accident, Reece Shumate, 22, a deaf and dumb miner, was severely injured by falling slate at the Bellman mines at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

James Shumate, his father, was standing about 30 feet away when a quantity of slate which would have filled a mining car, fell on his son. An arm of the boy was broken and his shoulder badly injured. He was removed to the Brosemer-Brunnett hospital immediately after the accident.

Now the youth, who is entirely deaf, has thus far escaped injury at a job where, it seems, a sense of hearing would be a necessity. It is indeed strange. His father stated that the injury this morning could not have been averted had the boy been able to hear as it gave no warning sounds.

### MAY BRING STATE GOLF MEET HERE

F. P. Seales Says Country Club Must Have Co-operation to Entertain This Tournament

That the state golf tournament may be brought to Middlesboro if civic organizations and business men will lend proper co-operation to the movement and assist the Country Club in its efforts, is the opinion of F. P. Seales, president of the Country Club.

"It is merely a question of whether or not Middlesboro really wants the tournament," Mr. Seales declared. "If the business men here will offer the proper inducements we can get the tournament. Middlesboro is the logical place for the event; in fact, it is the most suitable place outside of the state with the exception of Louisville."

The tournament which will be held during the latter part of June this year will bring from 150 to 200 players here, prominent business men from all parts of the state as well as visitors from other states.

"It would be a splendid thing for the town to get these business men here," Mr. Seales said. "It would be a good thing for the merchants, the hotels and the town in general. If the Kiwanis Club, Merchants Association and other civic organizations will offer support in the way of entertaining these delegates there is no doubt about our getting the tournament."

The matter will probably be decided within the next month or two and any resolutions or pledges of support should be given Mr. Seales, who is president of the Country Club, will send them toward bringing the tournament here.

### WOULD REVISE CODE OF PENAL LAWS IN CITY

Those Now in Use Compiled in 1889—Changes in State Law Make Many Ordinances Out of Date

**NOETOWN AND YELLOW CREEK CITIZENS ASK FOR BRIDGES**

The code of penal laws of the city of Middlesboro which were compiled in 1889 may be revised and brought up to date. The matter, brought up at the city commissioners' meeting this morning, will be thoroughly investigated as to the probable cost before definite action is taken.

L. K. Rice, city prosecuting attorney, brought the matter before the meeting and suggested a revision. He stated that the city is frequently hampered in its work by obsolete penal ordinances. Some criminal acts which were misdemeanors in 1889 are felonies under state statute and vice versa.

The task of revising the code will be a laborious one, it was pointed out, and may cost \$400 or \$500. It is a very necessary job, however, the prosecuting attorney stated, and its completion would mean much more efficiency in the administration of justice in the city court.

The commissioners voted to pay the claim of Judge T. C. Anderson of \$75 for his work in defending the city tax suit. Mayor J. H. Keeney said that he had requested Judge Anderson to do the work. Commissioner C. E. Cooke, who contended that the work should have been done by the city attorney, stated, in fact, the papers were prepared by him, opposed the payment of the claim.

A request from the citizens of Noetown that they be given the old swinging bridge which was taken down here last year was granted. They propose to put it over the creek at their own expense.

A request that a foot bridge be built over Yellow Creek for the convenience of citizens and school children was made. The matter was referred to Commissioner J. E. Evans for investigation.

An ordinance stating the salaries of city officers was passed. It was stated that members of the police and fire department were employed monthly and subject to removal at any time. Frank Kearns was re-elected city collector.

The resignation of Mrs. L. L. Robertson as trustee of the library board, was accepted and, in accordance with the suggestion contained in the communication, Mrs. Ella A. Hubbard was appointed to fill the vacancy.

It appearing that a number of citizens in the East End object to the construction of a garage building by A. D. Johnson on the city property at Tenth Street and Cumberland avenue, the request for a building permit was rejected.

The request for a sewer on Twenty-second street by W. B. Chadwell was referred to the city engineer. Street lights were ordered for Twenty-first street and Chester avenue and at Twenty-eighth street and Winchester avenue.

Mayor Keeney, W. E. Cabell and J. L. Manning were appointed on the city sinking fund board. Other funds were ordered placed in the sinking fund.

A number of tax exemptions, most of which had been improperly assessed, were ordered at the suggestion of the city assessor.

### NEGRO BRACKENMAN WARNED OTHERS

In the accident on the L. & N. Friday night, in which two men were killed, it was the negro brakeman riding in the caboose with the two victims who tried to them to watch out. The engineer, in front, did not see the coal cars at all.

### Error in Police Court News

In Saturday's Daily News a line of type was transposed from the back page article on the Blackstone style show to the inside paragraph of police court news. It should have read: "Hose Green, drunkenness and liquor in possession, \$14.25 and \$100 with costs." Instead, the line transposed from the style show article made it read: "Hose Green, drunkenness and liquor in possession, \$14.25 and \$100 with costs."

### THIS WEEK TO BE OUTSTANDING IN LEGISLATURE

Senate Expected to Take Action On \$175,000,000 Administration Bond Issue in the Next Few Days

**HEARING ON RACE MEASURE HOLDS INTEREST OF STATE**

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—This promises to be the most outstanding week so far during this session of the General Assembly. The fate of a number of important bills depends on the decision of this next week or ten days.

The largest single item of the entire program of Governor Fields—proposed \$75,000,000 bond issue to be expended for good roads and the rehabilitation of the institutions of the state—will be taken up during the coming week. Final action on the bond issue should be taken by the body not later than the first few days of the next week.

It was learned that the senate committee on public roads and highways, in whose charge the bill has been since it passed the house of representatives almost ten days ago, will report the measure to the senate for action not later than the coming Tuesday. A final meeting of the senate committee will be held to discuss the measure today, according to current reports. It is also predicted that the majority of the committee on the measure will be a favorable one.

Should the report of the committee be sustained the bill will take its place in the senate calendar and should be ready to be placed on its passage Tuesday of the following week.

In addition to the bond issue bill, the fight now on against the use of part-mutual machines on race tracks of the state is attracting statewide attention.

The Bennett bill, as the measure is known, passed the house of representatives last Wednesday by a decisive majority and friends of racing in Kentucky and throughout the country are anxious to know what the attitude of the senate will be toward the bill.

Meantime, with the bond issue bill and the race track measure pending in the senate, the coal tax bill hovers over the house like a descending cloud. This measure, regarded by some legislators as a menace, has come in for much discussion during the last few days and the next two weeks will probably see an effort to force the passage of the measure in the house.

In the house two administration bills have already been passed and a third will probably be acted on shortly. The two passed are the bond issue bill and the Nelson tax measure which was passed by an overwhelming majority Friday. The bill advocated by Governor Fields to recognize the highway commission is now in the calendar of the house and in all probability will be called out and acted upon within the next few days.

### KILLS JUDGE THEN SELF IN COURTROOM

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—William M. Morning, 36, veteran district judge, was shot and killed today in his courtroom by Wallace G. Wallick, who, in turn, shot and killed himself. The judge was shot through the heart. Wallick also shot at C. F. Raim, attorney for his wife, who is suing Wallick for separate maintenance and who shot at his wife. Neither shot took effect. Wallick, 50, was a well-digger. When the case was called this morning, the judge asked him if he wanted an attorney. Shouting that "no man can make me pay," he pulled the gun and began firing.

**Back From Church Conference**  
Mrs. D. C. Hinks has returned from the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which she attended last week in Lexington.



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### HELD FOR PASSING BOGUS CHECKS

C. P. Pursiful of Pineville Arrested for Trying to Cash Five Checks

Charged with passing or attempting to pass five worthless checks, C. P. Pursiful, of Pineville, was bound to the grand jury in police court here this morning, his bond being set at \$1,000 in each case.

The defendant came into the Watson Salvage store Saturday night and tried to pass a check for ten dollars on the Citizens Bank. While J. C. Baumgardner, the proprietor, was calling the bank to ask the genuineness of the check, Pursiful went out and passed a check for \$11.25 on A. C. Shelburne at the Shelburne drug store.

The bank clerk reporting that there were no funds to cover the check, that he had never had such an account, the police department was notified. All the officers began a search for the man and succeeded in finding and arresting him at the railway depot a short time later.

### STATE EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS ARE BAD

Efficiency Commission Knows How Government Could Save Half Million

Associated Press  
FRANKFORT, Feb. 18.—Employment conditions in the state government of Kentucky are generally bad, and in some respects shocking, according to the Efficiency Commission's report on the personnel problem, made recently by Governor Fields.

Half a million dollars could be saved the state every four years if the quadrennial "house-cleaning" were to be eliminated, and state employees selected according to their fitness for the work in question rather than by the methods of "spoils politics," according to C. W. Spears, chairman of the commission. Much better service for the public and other economies for the taxpayers would also result, it is claimed.

"That conditions prevail in most of the units with headquarters at Frankfort," it states, "without going into details, it may be said with the utmost assurance that with only three or four exceptions, the offices at Frankfort fail to receive the quality of service which is paid for and that many of them are definitely overmanned. It will be a sufficient indication of conditions at the capital to say that most of the employees give to the state not over two-thirds of the amount of actual time which is demanded and obtained in private employment of similar kinds."

It is believed that the time has come to set up a central employment agency for the state service in Kentucky. In setting up such an agency, there is no need for pioneer or experimental work as central employment administration is an old story in many other jurisdictions and the state of Kentucky can and should take advantage of the lessons learned elsewhere and avoid the mistakes easily made.

Creation of a State Employment Commission to have charge of the central administration of employment matters is the "essential feature of the system recommended for Kentucky as embodying what is believed to be the best thought of the country with regard to such matters," the report concludes.

### DAUGHERTY MAY QUIT SOON. SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES IN OIL LEASE CASE ARE PREDICTED

#### HORSE FOUND DEAD IN ROAD ALMOST COVERED BY MUD

Almost entirely covered with mud, the body of a horse on Dalmoral road, a short distance from Exeter avenue, offers a jittable example of Middlesboro's bad roads and of its neglect in promptly removing carcasses of dead animals.

Neighbors say that a man bought the horse from a resident of the community Friday night and started to ride the animal home. When the horse reached the deepest part of the mud it became stuck and died. The rider, thankful that he also did not become a victim of the mire, abandoned the horse there, and so far as is known, has made no efforts to have the body removed.

It was there yet this afternoon, only a few inches of its sides and head being above the surface of the mud. Upon being notified of the dead horse this afternoon, Chief H. E. Ball immediately gave orders to have it removed and buried.

### LOCAL BOYS WIN GAME, LOSE ONE

Two Regular Players Do Not Play in Week-end Games at Maryville

Middlesboro High was loser in one and winner in the other of the two basketball games played in Maryville over the week-end. The team was weakened in both games, however, by the loss of Stone and Jacobs, regular players, who were out because of injuries. The boys returned yesterday.

M. H. S. played Maryville Polytechnic School Friday night and lost 31 to 9. The floor there, almost twice the size of the one here, was a handicap in this game. By the next night, though, when they played Maryville High School, they had become accustomed to the larger floor and beat their opponents 27 to 23. The local boys showed fine teamwork in this game.

The boys who took the trip were: Russell Brown, Billy Faulconer, Charles Marion, Dan Gibson, Charles Neighbors, Curtis Willis and Bob Brown. They were accompanied by Coach Kilpatrick and several fans.

### SELLERS ZEALOUS IN LIQUOR RAIDS

Moonshine Outfit and Man Taken Near Pinnacle—Two Others Arrested in East End

Three captures for alleged liquor law violations were made by D. C. Sellers over the week-end. In a dug-out under a one-room log hut near the Pinnacle an outfit for manufacturing spirituous beverages was found yesterday. Dan Raines, occupant of the hut, was captured and lodged in jail. The confiscated property consisted of beer barrels, thirty-five gallons of beer, seven bags of meal, 100 cans of soaped blackberries and one gallon of sprout corn. Raines' hearing will take place before Squire Creech who issued the warrant.

Hassoff Drain was arrested in the East End Saturday night and had a half gallon of liquor in a fruit jar in his possession. He was placed in the city jail. Dave Marsee, of Union county, Tenn., was arrested in the East End for alleged drunkenness.

### BLOODHOUNDS TRACK ROBBERS OF KNOX CO. STORE

Bloodhounds were successful in tracking to his den the thief who looted the store of Noah Smith at Elys last week, according to reports received here. The hounds followed the tracks to a woods near Barbourville and found the greater part of the good hidden there under the leaves. A quantity of wrappers and boxes indicated that the place had been used as a hiding place by thieves for some time. The robbers have not been apprehended but Knox county officers are working on the case.

Denby Will Retire March 10, Says He Did Not Wish to Embarrass Administration Further by Staying In

### T. ROOSEVELT WILL KEEP HIS POSITION

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Secretary Denby has resigned and will retire from the cabinet March 10. He informed the president that in view of his connection with the oil leases, he did not desire to further embarrass the administration by remaining a member of it. The president in a letter accepting the resignation, praised the office record of Denby and said he acceded to the request with regret. Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary under Denby, who had a part in drawing the orders transferring naval oil reserves from the navy to the interior department, conferred with the president and announced later he would not resign. There is no indication that the president has given thought to Denby's successor, but it appeared likely the selection would be made without delay.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Edwin B. Denby, Secretary of the Navy and one of the central figures in the Teapot Dome oil lease controversy, today resigned. The president accepted it. On the heels of this action came the report that assistant secretary Theodore Roosevelt, who had a part in framing the oil leases, also would resign and that Attorney General Daugherty would quit in a few days.

Denby's resignation took place soon after a telephone conversation this morning between him and Coolidge in which all the latest aspects of the situation were talked over in the light of information passed to the White House by Republican senate leaders. Soon after Denby announced he was ready to retire. A little later he left the navy department by a private entrance he would have nothing to say. Denby repeatedly declared he would never resign under fire, but a number of his friends are understood to have advised the president that they fully understood the embarrassment that might result in retaining Denby in the cabinet while the proposed oil annulment suits were in progress. Not only was Denby a party to the oil leases, but he repeatedly declared the leases legal and that he would be willing to pursue the same course again.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who also had a part in framing the oil leases, after conference with Denby, went to the White House today for a conference with the president. Meanwhile, coincident with Denby's resignation, came a prediction among senators that a new and sensational disclosure was imminent.

### CINCINNATI LIBRARY HAS BOOK TRUANT OFFICER

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 18.—Failure of users to return books, either through carelessness or dishonesty, has forced the Cincinnati Public Library to employ a "book truant officer," whose duty it is to find down delinquent readers and compel them to return books or pay for them. Since 1915 the library has lost no less than 5,000 books by the failure of borrowers to return them. The majority of the offenders are women, according to James Albert Green, member of the board of trustees.

Several instances cited at a recent meeting of the board of trustees of losses on the part of men, failed to show, however, that the library was not overzealously in forcing the readers of the library to return books.

### Local Surgeon for Southern

The appointment of Dr. J. W. Smith as Southern Railway surgeon, applies only to this immediate vicinity and not to this division, as stated in today's paper.

### C. P. Cunningham, To Visit Here

C. P. Cunningham, M. D., Louisville, formerly engaged in the lumbering in Middlesboro, will arrive in the city to spend several days with his mother, J. Warren Cunningham, on the way to his home.







# SOCIETY

Items of news and society in your neighborhood will interest other readers. Why not phone them in? Call 63.

**ALL LIFE CAN GIVE**  
What is life's pleasure made of?  
The light of a baby's smile,  
The gleam of the sun and shade of  
The world for a little while.

The song of the kettle singing,  
The peace of the living room,  
The joy of a friend's bringing  
The charm of the world to bloom.

A robe for the wintry weather,  
A book and an open fire,  
A family knit together  
By love and the same desire.

Food on the oaken table,  
Sleep when the day is done,  
Health to be fit and able  
Each morning to carry on.

Simple are life's real pleasures.

**Good Manners**  
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There are all that a rich man treasures,  
And all that a poor man craves.

## Week-End Guests

**From Knoxville**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ellidge had as their week-end guests the following: Miss Lulu Fleming, D. G. Halston, D. A. Wayland, Lucien Green, and Tom Mannis, all of Knoxville.

## Splendid Program

For P. T. A. Tonight  
An unusually interesting program has been worked out by the pupils of the fifth grade, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Rosetta Wood, for the entertainment of the Parent-Teachers' Association tonight. The meeting is at 7:30 o'clock and all members are expected to be present.

## Musical Concert At Library Rooms

The musical concert to be given Friday night by Mrs. R. L. Maddox, Mrs. J. T. Alderson and Mrs. Edward Yeager, will be at the club rooms of the library instead of at the Central School auditorium, as previously announced. The concert is under the auspices of the Woman's Club and will be a splendid one.

## SISTER Mary's KITCHEN



### Lose Weight

Baked apple, 1 cup vegetable soup, 6 button radishes, 2 ounces baked liver, 2 medium-sized baked onions, grapefruit salad, 1 cup hot skimmed milk, 2 cups skimmed milk, 2 toasted bran rolls, 2 crisp pieces gluten toast, 2 half-inch slices gluten bread.  
Total calories, 1039. Protein, 27.5; fat, 19.9; carbohydrate, 503. Iron, .0282 gram.

**Grapefruit Salad (individual)**  
One-half grapefruit, 1 head lettuce, 1 dessertspoon oil (optional), 1 teaspoon salt, paprika.

Remove grapefruit pulp from shell and skin. Arrange in a nest of lettuce. Sprinkle with salt and paprika and pour over oil if used. If the diet is very strict the salad should be made without oil as the dessertspoon of oil adds about 100 calories of fat to the menu. It is not included in the calculation of calories.

Total calories, 119. Protein, 19; fat, 11; carbohydrate, 119. Iron, .0025 gram.

### Gain Weight

Baked apple, 1 cup cooked wheat cereal, 1 soft-boiled egg, 1 cup vegetable soup, 6 button radishes, 4 tablespoons baked rice pudding, 1 cup cream of celery soup, 2 ounces baked liver, 1 large baked potato, 2 baked onions, grapefruit salad, ginger bread pudding, 1 pint whole milk, 1 cup table cream, 2 tablespoons whipped cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, 4 tablespoons butter, 2 pieces crisp toast, 2 toasted bran rolls.



This picture shows the climax of a modern-day fairy tale, the wedding of Prince Erik of Denmark to Miss Lois Frances Booth of Ottawa. The prince is a cousin of the Danish and English kings, but he came to America to learn agriculture. Falling in love with Miss Booth, daughter of a millionaire Canadian lumberman, the prince renounced his title. After a honeymoon, the pair plan to conduct an orange grove in California. Photograph shows the bridal pair, with the Church of All Saints, where they were married, as the background.

2 dinner rolls, 1 cup cocoa.  
Total calories, 3904. Protein, 392; fat, 156.9; carbohydrate, 1643. Iron, .0168 gram.

The more butter the too-thin person uses in her egg, on her toast, potato and onion the more calories she adds to her diet. Plenty of oil, at least one tablespoon, should be added to the salad.

Try drinking hot water with your meals and having a cup of cocoa at 10 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. This will help digestion.

Too much rich, sweet food is satiating and cloying and defeats its purpose.

## LOCALS

Miss Irene Bolton and Ernest Bolton of Harrogate were shopping in Middlesboro Saturday.

Abe Elfron and I. H. Goelman have gone from St. Louis to Chicago to continue their spring buying. They will go to New York and Boston next.

Jack Levy, representative of the Ell Bee Cap company of Cincinnati, was here on business Saturday.

R. C. McKeelham of Pineville was here Friday.

J. Lyman has returned from Cincinnati where he has been doing spring buying.

Mrs. W. B. Moore and daughter, Miss Eula, of Cumberland Gap have gone to Santa Anna, Gal., for their health. Mrs. Moore was in the hospital here for some time.

Mrs. F. R. Whalin and children plan to leave tomorrow to join Mr. Whalin in Middlesboro Saturday.

## MEN WATCH OUT? COLLEGE GIRLS ARE GROWING FATTER, TALLER, STRONGER

WELLESLEY, Mass., Feb. 16.—The average college girl is growing taller, fatter and stronger each year in school.

But she is losing some of her lung capacity.

Leastwhile, that is what statistics, just tabulated by the Wellesley College Department of Hygiene, show.

The girl now:  
Is 5 feet 4 1-5 inches tall.  
Weighs 121.66 pounds.  
Has a lung capacity of 2.98 liters (about 4-5 of a gallon).

Has a total muscle strength of 273 kilograms (about 600 pounds).

Girls, how do you compare with these figures?

A year ago the average girl was only 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighed between 117 and 121 pounds, had a strength of 240 kilograms, but a lung capacity of about 273 1-2 liters.

This loss in lung capacity says Miss Mabel Cummings, head of the hygiene department, was due to the fact that the latest physical test came at the same time as the final exams.

The girls probably were blowing off most of their wind at their finals. There are more short girls than tall ones—187 to 182 in the 1926 class, the group on which these statistics are based.

The lankiest girl ranges 5 feet 11 1-2 inches, while the shortest is only 4 feet 10 inches.

The heaviest girl weighed 213 pounds when she came into college; but she reduced it to 194 pounds at the end of her first year. The lightest weighed only 91 pounds on entering, but raised it to 98 pounds during the year. The average gain over the whole class was 2.31 pounds.

The difference in strength is of even wider range than that of than 1,000 pounds. The weakest girl weight, The strongest girl in the class registers 458 kilograms, more grams, or 390 pounds.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

## Your children's food

The foods your children eat today, determine their strength and health in later years.

Remember this; they must have well balanced meals. Their food should contain the right amount of mineral salts. These salts act as bone building material.

Bakings that are made of good plain white flour and baking powder contain the necessary amount of mineral salts. Allow your children to eat heartily of these bakings together with fruits and dairy products. This forms an ideal food balance.

When making quick rising breads and pastries such as: biscuits, muffins, cakes, waffles, etc., don't fail to use Calumet—the economy Baking Powder. It contains more than the ordinary leavening strength—it's the purest and surest leavener made. That's why it helps make your flour foods light and easily digested.

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PACKED IN TIN  
—KEEPS STRENGTH IN

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## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS PLEASES KENTUCKY FARMERS, SAYS PROFESSOR

By Associated Press.  
FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 18.—Farmers of Kentucky have confidence in the State Department for Vocational Education and in the high school agricultural teacher, so declares Professor McHenry Rhoads, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, making public today a report showing the results of a study made by Professor J. A. James, Assistant Dean, University of Wisconsin. The study covered eleven questions with 196 replies from farmer fathers, and was made as a comparative study in various States.

The study in the high schools of the state, teaching agriculture under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Law was an effort to find out what the fathers of the boys who are studying agriculture think of the work which their boys are getting. Professor G. Ivan Barnes, Director of Vocational Education in Kentucky, was asked by Dean James to send him a list of Kentucky high schools having departments of agriculture.

"The Kentucky father offers fewer criticisms to the present system and teaching personnel than does the Wisconsin father," Prof. James concluded. "This fact may be due to the native differences between the two groups or the difference in the systems employed in the two States. Of one thing I am sure—the rural Kentucky father is so pleased to be in the midst of the educational progress that is now taking place that he does not feel very disposed to criticize, though he may think that conditions are not as good as they should be."

L. C. Fay Who Made the Same study in Wisconsin mailed out a total of 795 letters and received 274 replies, or about 35 per cent; while Prof. James mailed to Kentucky 295 questionnaires, 215 to farmers and 80 to men in other occupations, receiving 168 replies from farmers and 38 from the other group, or a percentage of 66.4. Judging on the percentage basis, the farmer father has more interest in agriculture than does the town father whose son has studied the same subject. Replies from farmer fathers totaled 74 per cent. Replies from men in other occupations totaled 47.6. The average percentage for Kentucky is higher than for Wisconsin.

To thirty-three of the agricultural teachers, Prof. James mailed a questionnaire asking for the names of their boys, the boys' fathers, together with their occupations and addresses. He received replies from 23 schools giving this desired information. He then mailed a questionnaire of 11 questions to the fathers, getting 106 replies.

"The replies which I received came from men who are in a great variety of occupations," he said. "And who

have many different points of view on the subject of vocational agriculture. Some twenty vocations are represented; they are the most of the callings found in the average small town of Kentucky and are from over all sections of the State where vocational agriculture is being taught. Thus, the conclusions that are drawn from this survey may be taken to represent their general opinion of the rural Kentucky father."

Prof. James concluded: "Among the schools included in this survey, are some outstanding examples to prove the fact that the agricultural teacher must stick in the rural school for a long period of time if he hopes to become successful. W. L. Matthews built the Livermore school up to where it was cited in educational meetings, as an example for the young teacher to regard as approaching the ideal. J. C. Jenkins is eminently successful at Dawson Springs. He is now an old man in his job there. Carlie Hammonds is doing a remarkable piece of work at Bremen, although he could be drawing a higher salary elsewhere. The young Agriculture teacher may well study these examples, because in them are some good lessons for him."

"Positive proof of the rural idea of the men to whom this questionnaire went is the fact that commercial work is not alluded to in a single reply. These fathers know that the Kentucky farmer needs to have some system for keeping his farm records and accounts, and he wants his boy to learn how to do it, but he does not want him to be a trained grocery clerk."

"It is delightful to learn that a large part of the boys are going in for purebred livestock and pedigree grains. Records show that Kentucky is really lacking in these two important factors of progressive agriculture, and to one who realizes this need in the state, this fact alone is a most promising one and fully repays the work of the survey."

"The Kentucky farmer is still a rural minded man whose interests are in the welfare of his family, in his business, and in the development of his state to the position that she rightfully deserves. He has no active interest in the activities of the city aside from the service that they offer him as a market. He wants his boy to get the best education possible, but he wants that education to be distinctly rural in type, and when his education is finished the father wants his boy to become a product with the ideals of the rural Kentuckian."

"Many of these men are far inland, off of both river and railroad. They have not the intimate contact with the urban dweller as do many of the men with whom they are later

## They'll Be Dukes



PRINCE GEORGE (LEFT) AND PRINCE HENRY (RIGHT). SOON TO BE MADE ROYAL DUKES.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Princes Henry and George, the third and fourth sons of King George, may soon be dukes.

The king is expected to call upon his sons and say to them: "Arise, noble dukes!" And the two, having been knighted, will rise with new titles. Being a duke doesn't mean

much, except to admit one as full peer member of the House of Lords. To make his children royal dukes is one of the few prerogatives of the crown which the king can perform without consulting anybody.

Prince Henry, 24, may be the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince George may have the dukedom of Kent, Sussex or Gloucester.

He sure is plum disgusted; Since both his lags were busted.

—Dick Hoffman.

Bill Drives A Wheel-Chariot Now

Bill used to steer a drivin' horse, About four miles an hour; An' then he bought a speedin' car, About sixty-five horse power.

He never used to seem to be In any sort of hurry, When roads were bad an' goin' slow,

It caused Bill Jones no worry; But soon he thought the cars too slow,

Opined they should go faster, When he saw a car ahead of him He thought he must go past her.

But he chanced to meet another gent Who had the same fool notion; I'm here to say they were goin' some.

When they got under motion, It might have been some trouble with The wheel or with the gearin'.

But I think he got rattled like And mixed up with his steerin'.

But any way he lost control, An' those two cars got tangled.

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## INCREASE NUMBER OF CAR OWNERS

Automobile Men Propose Fewer Taxes, More Highways for Motorists

(By Israel Klein)

Uppermost in the minds of automobile men—manufacturers, dealers and club officials—are not so much improvements of automotive products as means by which their products can best be sold to the public.

Therefore, great pressure is being brought to bear on legislators in Washington and the various state capitals for their assistance to make buying an automobile and using it so much easier for the purchaser.

Take the effort to reduce the number and extent of taxes on motorists, for example. Taxes and more taxes, it is easily seen, keep a certain group of potential auto owners from becoming motorists. People generally maintain a certain degree of enmity toward the tax collector, and there are many who go so far as to do their best toward avoiding payment of taxes.

When it is pointed out to such potential buyers that there are 11 different kinds of taxes on the automobile owner, less desire on their purchase of an auto.

Eleven Payments

Major Roy F. Britton, chairman of the legislative board of the Automobile Association of America, points out these duties as consisting of the war excise taxes of 5 per cent on autos, tires, accessories and repair parts, besides seven other levies he lists as follows:

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Inconvenience of travel is the other drawback to automobile buying. Only a small proportion of roads in the United States is paved and prepared for automobile traffic, and the congestion of these roads is such that it prevents many a potential buyer from getting into line.

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## AVOID TOO MUCH USE OF CHOKER

Give Engine Time to Warm Up in Cold Weather—Never Drive Slow—Use Radiator Cover

First, avoid excessive use of the "choker." After starting to give the engine time to warm up somewhat before driving.

Second, use a radiator cover or provide other means to allow your motor to warm up more rapidly and also to run at a higher operating temperature. A cold running motor dilutes lubricating oil much more rapidly than a hot one because all of the fuel injected into the cylinder does not burn up. Some of it finds its way into the oil pan. Heat aids perfect combustion and the fuel which has found its way into the crankcase will be driven off through the breather by a hot motor.

Third, avoid idling for long periods or excessively slow driving. At a very low speed objectionable suction sets in tending to increase dilution.

Fourth, keep your motor in good mechanical condition. Your oil consumption will indicate whether it is or not. A motor in good mechanical condition may dilute readily at idling speeds and in city driving but in cross country higher speed service it will burn up a very perceptible amount of the oil.

If, however, in both low and high speed service the oil level drops does not indicate an apparent consumption, the rate of oil fuel dilution is reaching a dangerous stage and the only remedy is to have the pistons and the piston rings refitted. If the cylinders are out of round, tapered or scored, have them reground. New rings or pistons alone are not sufficient unless the cylinders are true.

## CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMP AT CAMP KNOX THIS YEAR

Middlesboro boys will again be given the opportunity to receive a months vacation at Camp Knox this year. The C. M. T. C. camp of the Fifth Corps area will be held at Camp Knox from July 2 to July 31, inclusive.

Local boys interested in the citizens' military training may obtain complete information from G. H. Talbot who conducts the work here. The campaign for all applicants who have not previously attended the camps will begin April 1 and continue until the quota is filled. Those who have previously attended will receive application blanks by mail.

Kentucky's quota of trainees this year has been set at 1000. It is hoped that the quota allotted Middlesboro will be reached without difficulty.

## Felicitations in Order

Collector—Your hardware dealer has employed me to collect the bill you owe him.

Customer—You're to be congratulated on obtaining a permanent position.

—Good Hardware.

Judging by the divorce records, the girls nowadays are being married with debutante wedding rings.—Judge

## Beauty Congress Meeting In France Sounds Death Knell of Bobbed Hair



PARIS—Bobbed hair, like hooped skirts, is passé. For months the style has been dying a painful death. Now it is officially laid to rest by the International Hairdressers' Congress, the recognized-style group. In tolling its death knell, coiffure experts declare that Europe has quit bobbing and the mademoiselles with short locks are wearing transformations.

Reports from American beauty experts also show bobbing is on the wane and "in six months will be atrociously unpopular; if not in utter bad taste."

Accordingly, three new modes of hairdressing that permit the wearing of false hair will prevail among women of taste in 1924. They are the Empress Josephine, with hair drawn back and a cord or band around the temples; Louis Philippe, with chignon curls clustered around neck and ears; and Empress Eugenie, with two bands across the forehead and curl falling over each ear.

Transformations, delectable, will be covered with reliable invisible human hair nets now used for

all evening and dress wear. Greater demand for hair nets, it is declared, was one of the first signals of the passing of bobs, over sixty million Gainsboroughs being sold in 1923.

"Bobs are gone, but after all, who cares?" sighed the chairman in adjourning the congress.

"Personnel," chorused the delegates. Which means Nobody.

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ships. A bookstall attendant wears a blue uniform with brass buttons on the waist. When the Empress of Scotland left New York recently on a voyage around the world, she was the first Canadian vessel to commence such a trip with a regular book store and experienced attendants as part of her equipment. She carried, also, a well equipped free library and the globe girder have 1,000 volumes, many of them on travel, at their service so that they can become well posted concerning a country before the ship reaches it. The books on travel were selected from an interesting list compiled by Fanny Butcher, literary editor of the Chicago Tribune. This list has been published by the Canadian Pacific in a brochure entitled "Points of a Thousand Romances." Canadian authors have been given due prominence in this floating library, and the world's best sellers, modern and ancient are touring that world on its shelves.

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FORMER BISHOP TO BE TRIED  
ON HERESY CHARGE



GALION, O., Feb. 18.—Adam and Eve figure prominently in the forthcoming trial for heresy of Rev. William Brown, former Episcopal bishop of Arkansas, now living here. In a bill of complaint, formally filed by three members of the House of Bishops, the cleric is accused of holding and teaching through a book, "Communism and Christianity," doctrines contrary to those held by the Episcopal belief.

Rev. Brown, who says he welcomes investigation by constituted church authorities, expressed a willingness to withdraw from the House of Bishops if the members would declare his belief in the literally interpreted representations of the Bible.

Among these, he mentions: the creation and downfall of Adam and Eve; the birth of Christ and other issues; "Orthodox Christianity and Orthodoxy" are irreconcilably opposed to each other," Bishop Brown says.

He Was Too Ambitious  
"Why did you fire young Jones?"  
"He spent too much time reading success stories."

His Daughter



Irvin Cobb's daughter, Elizabeth Cobb (above) was married the other day to Frank M. Chapman, Jr., in New York city. Photo shows her in costume taken at a recent society affair.

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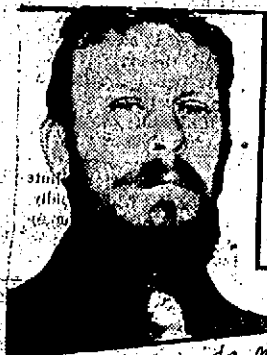
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STATE DEPT. TRANSLATOR CLAIMS TO  
HAY WRITTEN UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Can one man create in a few short years that which a nation produces only in generations—a language?

Here in Washington a man believes the task possible. He has written a language, which he calls Euphony.

Wilfred Stevens, 50, understands 20 languages. For this knowledge he is paid \$2000 a year as the State Department's official translator. During the 20 years he has been so employed, he has felt that a greater universal understanding can only come with a universal medium of expression. He was inspired to create that medium. Euphony, born of 20 languages, is the result.



Not Esperanto  
It is not Esperanto, Ibo or Volapuk. It is the advantages of many languages and rejecting their faults. It is, according to Stevens, a simple fundamental construction, based on 10,000 root words. Thousands of words can be evolved from the roots.

"Twenty years ago," Stevens declares, "I was obsessed with the idea to bring all languages into a melting pot and skin off the dross. Today there is no more dross. Euphony is the essence of languages, clear as a crystal, simple, scientific and beautiful."

Stevens says there are no irregularities in his language. It is free of exceptions and not encumbered with too many rules and for every meaning or thought there is a particular word.

"In English, and in most languages, there is little logic or fundamental system of spelling and of derivation," Stevens points out. In Euphony, every word is immediately recognizable, regardless of whether you saw it before or not.

"Euphony is something like mathematics. One learns that 'ill' means disease, 'that' means hand, 'that' means eye. He adds to those to modify their meanings."

"Take the word ole for eye, the suffix a meaning of, a meaning blue and fra, from German, meaning woman. Combine them, thus, fraole, dropping the u in fra for Euphony, and you have woman-blue of eye, or a blue-eyed woman."

Secret Until Death  
"I have translated songs and poetry into Euphony. All are enriched by it. My language can be expanded and glorified for literature, or contracted and simplified for commerce."

Capitalizing a Misfortune  
A clerk in a retail clothing store stayed out so late at night that he felt compelled to snatch naps during store hours.

Being a relative of a member of the firm was all that saved him from being fired.

The manager, becoming exasperated, enlisted the aid of one of his assistants. The next day, the lethargic clerk found himself in the pajama department. On the counter before him was a

sign which read:

"Our pajamas are of such superior quality that even the man who sells them can't keep awake."—Printer's Ink Monthly.

No Skill Required  
Client—(Takes up, man, you are taking four-fifths of my damages! Lawyer—Well, I furnished the skill, the eloquence, and the necessary legal learning of the case.

Client—Yes, but I furnished the case itself.

Lawyer—Hush! Anybody could fall down a coal hole.—Passing Show (London).

Got-His-Dates Mixed  
Boss—Sir, what does this mean? Someone has just called up and said that you were sick and could not come to work today.

Clerk—Huh, had the joke on him. He wasn't supposed to call up until tomorrow.—Showme.

IN A MODERN BARBER SHOP



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—



HOW FAMILY SQUABBLES START



—BY BLOSSER

BOSWORTH NEWS

Miss Lila Miller has returned to La Follette after a week-end with her mother, Mrs. Miller, at Yellow Creek.

Mrs. Amos Miller of Bosworth is spending the week-end at Barbourville looking after her real estate.

J. D. Robinson of this place returned home to spend Sunday with his wife and children after having a good week's work at the mines.

Carl Miller gave a party at his home in honor of his sister, Miss Lila Miller.

The miners of Yellow Creek are working six days a week now.

Dr. J. W. McPatrick has not yet returned from Louisville and the families of this place miss him very much.

John Carnaby of La Follette, has moved to Yellow Creek.

The Yellow Creek store has a good supply of food in stock.

The sheriff here has been ill for the last week but is able to be out again.

Pineville Girl Poet  
The following poem by a Pineville High School student, Katherine Davis, appears in Friday's Lexington Herald:

To a Brook  
There's a little brook which winds its way  
Across the valley green;  
Beyond this brook where children play  
A farmhouse can be seen.

Little children wild with joy,  
Come rushing down the hill,  
To dip their chubby feet in the brook  
That rushes on down by the mill.

The lazy daisies along the shore  
Drop their heads more and more,  
Swinging lightly, away, slightly,  
Spreading their petals along earth's floor.

Then on rushes the babbling brook,  
Singing its song of gladness  
And telling a story to each little nook  
Wiping from memory all sadness.

—Katherine Davis, Pineville, Ky. High School student.

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January 14, 1924  
Hon. Mayor and Commissioners  
City of Middlesboro, Ky.  
Gentlemen:  
Having known Mr. Sellers for a number of years it is my belief that he is well qualified for the position he seeks, and that he will make our city an efficient office if given an opportunity.

Respectfully,  
E. P. NICHOLSON

OUR BOARDING HOUSE—By Ahern



OUT OUR WAY—by Williams



# 'EVER GO TO SCHOOL?,' AND 58 OF 97 CHILD WORKERS INTERVIEWED AT OYSTER CANNERIES SAID 'NO'



THE BOY COAL SHOVELER (UPPER LEFT) IS 8 YEARS OLD. BILOXI CANNERIES (UPPER RIGHT) ARE FRAME STRUCTURES AND THE GROUND AROUND THEM IS FILLED WITH MILLIONS OF OYSTER SHELLS. MANY OF THE GIRLS AND BOYS WHO SHUCK OYSTERS (LOWER RIGHT) ARE SO SMALL THEY MUST STAND ON BOXES OR PILES OF OYSTER SHELLS TO REACH INTO THE BINS. OYSTER SHUCKERS LIVE IN SHANTIES (LOWER LEFT). THE SIGN (CENTER) FORBIDS EMPLOYMENT OF GIRLS UNDER 14 AND BOYS UNDER 12 YEARS, BUT ROY GIBBONS, NEA SERVICE WRITER, FOUND MANY CHILDREN UNDER THESE AGES AT WORK.

BILOXI, Miss., Feb. 18.—Pigs may be pigs! And when thus defined the majority is satisfied and lets it go at that.

But when Rev. George M. L. Hoffman here told the world, through

the columns of a church publication, of pigs that slept with boy workers in the Biloxi shrimp and oyster canneries, he won recognition for himself and for the swine.

"Immediately a powerful local organization informed me I must retract," Rev. Hoffman recalls.

"In addition of the town's leading citizens—a man interested in the canning industry—telephoned me that he was coming to my house to see what I was going to do about the matter."

Rev. Hoffman has not retracted, and those who protested have carried out none of their implied threats.

Possibly the writer was more fortunate than Rev. Hoffman for he found no bed-loving swine in human habitation.

However, he did meet four little canneries boys, not one of them past his 13th year, by their own admission, who were having a riotous drink on the effects of a bottle of "shinney."

Employer Condemns Lax Law

Henry E. Gambel, president of the Seafood Company, and others, in whose factories the reprehensible conditions complained of do not generally obtain, were informed of this case. They protested genuine amazement.

"I am positively against the employment of children," Gambel says. "But under the lax state laws which do not compel them to go to school, many shrimp and oyster canning factories in Biloxi are virtually forced to put these youngsters at work."

Of 97 children interviewed in the Biloxi shrimp and oyster canning communities, 58 said they never attended school, 27 said they went part time, five said they had gone the minimum eight weeks required under

the law and the remaining seven alleged having completed grades up to and including the fourth reader.

The ages of children working in the oyster canneries range from 5 to 14.

Under the laws of Mississippi girls under 14 and boys under 12 are prohibited from working and boys between these ages are not supposed to work more than eight hours a day.

But for some inexplicable reason canning factories are exempted from the penalty clauses of this law.

Most factory employers say they try to live up to it.

"But it's hard to do," one said. "The kids slip in and out, and it keeps a fellow busy chasing them."

"And then too, it makes their folks sore if we don't let 'em work. So what are you going to do about it?"

A majority of the shrimp and oyster workers are transported from Baltimore and from Louisiana.

They bring their families with them. The father fishes for oysters in the company's boats, earning \$20 to \$25 a week on a share basis.

His wife and children are on a piece-time basis and are at liberty to come and go as they please, provided they don't abuse the privilege.

Average \$1 Day

The women make from 75c to \$2.50 a day. But the writer found no child who averaged more than \$1 during a single day, and usually the amount was less.

Families transported from other states by the canning companies are furnished free houses and fuel and given their return fare, provided they stay till the end of the season.

For this consideration, the pay of migratory help is usually less than that of local workers.

Most women workers said they worked from the "whistle blow" in the morning until quitting time for the shuckers and shrimp pickers, which usually comes between 3 and 5 in the afternoon.

Nursery facilities for children too young to work and brought into the factories by their mothers are provided by very few of the oyster and shrimp canneries.

While the parents are engaged these babies crawl around on the shell and debris-strewn floor and many are reported to have their hands crushed by passing oyster cars or fallen off docks into the water while left unattended.

Countless scores of children found working in open violation of the state law as to requirement on age and hours of employment, also said they stayed around till quitting time.

A mother with five youngsters, whose husband works on an oyster boat, said the combined weekly earnings of her entire family never averaged more than \$35 a week.

"My man he have no luck on large," she said. "Always he come in with small catch and get little share."

Workers Spend Large Sums to Protect Their Hands From Injury

"Then we must buy so many gloves—two and three pairs a day—for the oysters when they cut through."

"And alum for your hands when it's time for shrimp and the acid catfish, one pound costs more now than five pounds of it before the war."

Generally, the hours of employment for the canning workers who

remain ashore are indefinite and uncertain.

J. W. Apperson, president of the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, attributes whatever evils there may be in the canning communities to weak state educational laws.

"The children don't have to go to school and we can't make them go except for 80 days a year," he says. "And we can't make them go even that long, because we have no truant officer."

"If the state would remedy the educational end of things, we here in Biloxi would take care of the canneries, if they need taking care of. But we can't do a thing until the boys and girls are compelled to receive an education."

"It's folly to talk of correction un-

til that is done. Why, boys in Mississippi can go to work at 12! It's a crime, and I know it, and the decent employers know it. But we're all helpless."

"The so-called children's hour you speak of is no local fault."

"It's the state's fault. And it's the state that is pulling those whistle ropes every morning."

"Only the Legislature can abandon the children's hour."

Willbur Whiteley III

Willbur Whiteley, colored, is in Roanoke, Va., seriously ill in the hospital. He is expected home in a few days, however.

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